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THE DAMAGE NOT LARGE

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the Alarm.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 20.—While President Taft's train was running from Minneapolis to this city during last night, President Taft was in danger by fire but the train crew worked so quickly and so effectively that the chief executive did not know about it until he awoke this morning. He was much surprised when he was informed of the fact today. The flames were confined to the kitchen of Taft's private car, the Mayflower.

It is not known how the fire broke out, but at an early hour this morning Porter and Cook of the Mayflower were both awakened by a smell of smoke. They investigated and found flames spreading in the kitchen compartment of the car. They called the other members of the crew and the volunteers set to work with a will. Within a short time they had the fire extinguished. The damage was of little consequence, and it can be easily repaired.

Minneapolis, Sept. 20.—President Taft yesterday met the fifty members of the Japanese commercial mission to the United States, bade them a hearty welcome to the country, assured them of the hearty friendship of the American people, paid a tribute to their qualities of industry and patriotism, and in conclusion drank a toast to the emperor of Japan as "the warm and sincere friend of America," amid great enthusiasm among both the Japanese and American houses.

Before going to the Lafayette hotel to meet the Japanese, President Taft attended services at the Westminster Presbyterian church, conducted by Dr. J. E. Bushnell.

The president and party left for Des Moines, Ia., over the Chicago and Great Western railroad at 8 p. m. Before leaving, the president sent the following letter to Governor Johnson:

"My Dear Governor Johnson:

"I am very much delighted to hear of your improvement today, and I earnestly hope that your recovery will be rapid. As I leave the state I thank you again for the cordial welcome to this city, of yourself and the people of Minnesota.

"Very sincerely yours,
"William H. Taft."

A VERMONT FATHER
FINDS SON IN BOSTONPeter Kiefer of Springfield Was Successful
After Long Search—Was Out
Walking When He Saw Boy.

Boston, Sept. 20.—Pursuing a various times during the past three months a quiet hunt for his 10-year-old boy, Jacob, who ran away from home, the efforts of Peter Kiefer of 304 Park avenue, Springfield, Vt., were rewarded last night when, about 9 o'clock, in Maverick square, East Boston, he found the boy and landed him in the Maverick house.

The father made known his findings to Lieut. John P. Clark at division 7, and the boy was taken to the station house. This morning he will undoubtedly be discharged and go with his father to Springfield.

After a search of six weeks the father received information that the boy was in East Boston. He lost no time coming to this city, but the trip was only in vain, for he could not find no trace of the youngster.

He returned to his home and yesterday again came to Boston, this time with a daughter who is to undergo an operation at the Massachusetts general hospital. The father and daughter decided that the girl should enter the institution today, and yesterday they remained at the Maverick house in East Boston.

While the father was out taking a short walk last night he found his son.

PROMINENT RANDOLPH
MAN FOUND DEADHamden W. McIntyre Had Been Missing
Since Yesterday Morning, Search-
ing Parties Found Body

Last Night.

Randolph, Sept. 20.—After a search lasting all day, the dead body of Hamden W. McIntyre was found late last evening at the rear of Mrs. W. F. Wedgewood's residence on Randolph avenue. Heart failure is given as the cause of his death. He was 77 years old.

Mr. McIntyre rose in his usual health Sunday morning but failed to come to breakfast. After waiting some time the family with whom he made his home became alarmed, and searching parties scoured the house and neighborhood, but without success, finally finding the body prostrate on the ground in a secluded spot.

Nearly all his life, with the exception of 17 years in Alaska, has been spent in this village. He was superintendent of the Orange County Telephone company and prominent in village affairs, once representing the town in the legislature. A wife and two children died several years ago. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Temple of Randolph Center. For some years he had made his home with Mrs. Emma L. McIntyre, widow of his brother, Dr. H. H. McIntyre.

THE KIND OF ENUMERATORS.

Farmers and Crop Reporters For The
Census of Agriculture.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—Forty-five thousand enumerators out of the estimated grand total of 65,000, will be engaged April 15th next in gathering the required information concerning agriculture for the Thirtieth Decennial U. S. census. Director Durand purposes making every effort to secure progressive farmers and crop reporters for these places. His action is based upon the recommendations of Chief Statistician LeGrand Powers and the advisory board of special agents composed of professors of economics and farm experts who have been assisting in the formulation of the schedule of inquiries concerning farm operations and equipment. It is believed that the selection of this class of men, already familiar with statistical methods of securing data and reporting it in comprehensible form, will add greatly to the efficiency of the census and to the scientific value of the information obtained. Director Durand does not anticipate any difficulty in procuring enumerators of this kind as there are in every state of the union, hundreds of crop reporters acting for the department of agriculture, representatives of state boards of agriculture, etc.

The agricultural schedule which is to be placed in the hands of these enumerators is nearing completion by the census bureau. The advisory board who are acquainted with practical agriculture, is varying conditions, and who are active in their respective states in assisting the farmers to improve their farm methods, have been most earnest and on effort is being spared to make the schedule as simple as possible, and yet secure the greatest amount of important information concerning agriculture.

By means of the census schedule an effort will be made to secure an accurate statement of the total number of acres of land in the farms of the country. On account of the growing importance of the census in many parts of the country, considerable information will be secured as to whether farms are operated by owners, tenants or hired managers. Information about the value of farm buildings, and other permanent improvements; and of the farm equipment, both machinery, implements, and the live stock, will be secured.

An important part of the schedule will be that enabling a study of the crops and crop-products of 1909. The enumerators will ask about areas, quantities produced, and value of crops, in the case of all the principal crops grown in all parts of the United States. This inquiry covers grains and seeds, hay and forage crops; and all important special crops such as fruits, nuts and vegetables; cotton, tobacco, rice, hemp, potatoes, cream corn, etc. By-products, like flax straw for tow and twine; and such manufactured products as vines, cider and vinegar, dried fruits, sugar, syrup, etc., will not be overlooked by the questions in the schedule.

THIRTEEN HORSES
WERE BURNED TO-DAYLoss of \$13,000 at New Haven, Conn.,
and It Is Thought that the Blaze
Was of Incendiary
Origin.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 20.—A fire which caused a loss of \$13,000 destroyed the barns belonging to E. Schenberger & Sons, meat dealers on Verion street, and Joseph Smith on Ward street today. Thirteen horses were burned to death. The blaze is thought to have been of incendiary origin.

ACCUSED OF FORGERY.

Harry J. Smith Lodged in Chittenden
County Jail.

Burlington, Sept. 20.—Harry J. Smith, an ex-soldier of the 15th cavalry, was placed in Chittenden county jail Saturday on a charge of forgery, and Valmore Greenwood, also of the 15th cavalry, was jailed for alleged complicity in the forgery. Smith has confessed.

Smith, whose record as a soldier was bad, had just been dishonorably discharged from the army when he tendered Albert & Rosenberg of Winoski a check for \$29.50 in payment of \$4.40 of merchandise and received in return \$25.50 in money. The check purported to have been given July 14, 1909 by Lieut. G. H. Wyman, 2nd lieutenant of the 11th cavalry, and was drawn on the Chittenden County Trust company of this city, payable to the order of J. T. Edwards, who had, apparently, endorsed it. The check went through the usual channels and was protested. Lieut. Wyman having closed his account at the Trust company as he was about to leave for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Lieut. Wyman declared the check to be a forgery and it was learned from Albert & Rosenberg that it was presented by Smith. Search was made for him and it was found that he had left this part of the country for some unknown destination.

The state attorney H. B. Shaw took the matter up and learned from Smith's enlistment papers that he had relatives in Philadelphia. The authorities in this city were notified and furnished with Smith's picture. In a few days word was received that the man had been placed under arrest there July 20. Requisition papers were necessary in order to bring him back to Vermont and after seeing the necessary documents from Governor Ross, Deputy Sheriff L. W. Ravlin of Winoski went to Harrisburg a week ago last Thursday and waited on the governor of Pennsylvania. The latter honored Governor Proulx's request and Smith was turned over to Sheriff Ravlin in Philadelphia.

GRANITEVILLE.

N. E. O. P. public dance Saturday evening, September 25th in Miles' hall. The Henry Minstrel orchestra will furnish music. General admission 25 cents.

White River Junction, Sept. 20.—The cattle, horse, sheep, poultry and domestic manufacture exhibits expected to be the best ever seen in New England.

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FAIR OPENS TO-MORROW

Cattle, Horse, Sheep, Poultry and Domestic
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to Be the Best Ever Seen in
New England.

White River Junction, Sept. 20.—The cattle, horse, sheep, poultry and domestic manufacture coming into this village from all directions to-day for the purpose of exhibiting at the Vermont state fair, which opens for four days to-morrow morning, give to the place an air of activity surpassing anything of the kind ever seen here before. Yesterday and to-day trainloads after trainloads of exhibits were hauled over the fair grounds railroad, some of these loads coming from the West as far as Michigan, others from Pennsylvania, others from Canada, New Hampshire, New York and Maine, and not a few from the Green mountain state.

In all the above mentioned lines of stock, the showing will be the greatest ever seen in New England—greater than believed possible to accomplish in Vermont. The executive committee of the state fair commission is highly elated over the success it has accomplished in interesting so many exhibits, both in Vermont as well as in many other states, and it feels that the public is more interested in seeing fine stock and the extensive exhibits than ever before.

There are evidences—many of them—that indicate the largest crowds that have ever attended the state fair. The passenger departments of the several railroads running into this place report that with pleasant weather every day of the four days of the fair will see immense gatherings.

President Maxwell Evans of the state fair commission believes that in the state fair Vermont has an asset that can be duplicated in no other way. He is ambitious to make the fair much more pretentious than it is to-day. He hopes that next season will see an adequate and proper building erected for exhibition purposes—a building that will care for the showing of the manufactured articles of the state. This would include granite, marble, slate and the showing of the articles, no matter how small or how large, manufactured in the state. His idea is to have an art gallery in the exhibition building, properly lighted, where can be shown the paintings, water colors, and crayon work of Vermonters.

The fair grounds will be thrown open to the public at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning. Low rates have been named on all trains and special excursion trains will be run on the different days of the fair. The admission price of 50 cents remains at this figure. This year, although a rumor has been started that it would be increased to one dollar. Children between 10 and 15 years, 25 cents, and under 10, free.

There will be two trotting events to-morrow, beginning at 1 o'clock. They are the 2400 trot and pace and the 2400 stake pace.

Nearly 1,000 Cattle Entered.

The number of cattle entered is nearly 1,000, with all the standard registered strains and grades represented. The complete list of Vermont exhibitors is as follows:

Jersey—R. W. Blood, Brattleboro, 10; T. G. Bronson, East Hardwick, 21; C. D. Hazen, White River Junction, 9; Quebec Falls Farm, Quebec, 7; D. W. Blood, Brattleboro, 5; Mrs. F. D. Erhardt, West Berlin, 2.

Ayrshires—M. Hannah, Brownville, 16; C. B. Stevens, St. Johnsbury, 13; Mrs. F. D. Erhardt, West Berlin, 18; R. H. Vaughn, Thetford Center, 9.

Holsteins—J. H. Mead & Son, W. Rutland, 13; J. F. Smith, White River Junction, 1.

Guernseys—R. H. Briggs, Brattleboro, 12; E. R. Andrews, Putney, 8.

Devons—R. E. Taft, W. Woodstock, 7.

Brown Swiss—Speedwell Farms, Lyndonville, 10.

Shorthorns—G. C. Carr, St. Johnsbury, 18; N. G. and E. A. Simpson, Lyndonville, 23; W. Arthur Simpson, Lyndonville, 12.

Among exhibitors of cattle from other states whose herds will attract deserved attention are the following:

Jerseys—John T. Hall, Lebanon, N. H., 7.

Ayrshires—J. F. Converse & Co., Woodville, N. Y., 18; Table Rock Farm, Sterling, N. Y., 1.

Holsteins—W. P. Turner, N. Reading, Mass., 15; M. E. Woodworth, Lacolle, P. Q., 10.

Guernseys—H. A. and A. S. Bartholomew, Whitehall, N. Y., 16.

Devons—Stockwell & Gifford, Sutton, Mass., 13.

Dutch Belts—F. R. Sanders, Bristol, N. H., 17; F. E. Stevens, Glens Falls, N. Y., 11; G. H. Dodge, Sutton, Mass., 11.

Herefords—O. W. Carroll & Sons, Jackson Center, Pa., 18; B. E. Morrison, Oxford, N. H., 15; E. E. Gile, Fayette, Me., 8; D. H. Tingley & Son, Readfield, Me., 8; M. Chandler, Onaway, Mich., 12.

Columbians—C. O. Gregory, Mount Vernon, N. Y., 8; F. L. Gregory, Mount Vernon, N. Y., 8.

Red Polls—G. H. Wadleigh, Tilton, N. H., 9; E. D. Fisher, Tilton, N. H., 11.

Shorthorns—Carpenter & Ross, Mansfield, Ohio, 18; Horace W. Avery, Leonard, N. Y., 22; Geo. E. Taylor & Son, Shelburne, Mass., 16; J. A. Gerlaugh, Harsham, Ohio, 11.

Angus—A. G. Spafford, Compton, P. Q., 6.

Q. B. F. G. Spafford, Compton, P. Q., 6. Normandy—F. E. Stevens, Glens Falls, N. Y., 10.

Oxen and Steers.

The entries of oxen in numbers are the largest seen at a fair in New England since that feature of stock-raising began its decline. The total number of oxen is 130, or 65 yoke. Of this number, Ricker & Cary of St. Johnsbury enter 35 yoke and other exhibitors are as follows:

W. A. Gleason, Waterville, Me., 7 yoke; A. Dickenson's Sons, Ashuelot, N. H., 6 yoke; W. B. Benson & Son, Lebanon, N. H., 4 yoke; J. D. Avery & Son, Shelburne Falls, N. Y., 3 yoke; W. Benson, White River Junction, 3 yoke; D. B. Nea, White River Junction, 2 yoke; H. L. Dutton, Hartford, 2 yoke; C. W. Stone, Hanover, N. H., and John Porter, W. Lebanon, N. H., 1 yoke each. Of steers, Geo. C. Cary of St. Johnsbury is the exhibitor of 2 yoke.

The judges in the cattle classes are James Thibbs, Woodstock; E. G. Fletcher, Greenfield; N. H. H. K. Jarvis, Fly Creek; S. L. L. D. May, Greenville Center, Pa.; K. Ames, Sherbrooke, P. Q.

CHENEY WILL SUPPORT
FLEETWOOD THIS YEAR

Speaker of the Vermont House Will
Not Be Candidate For Governor
of Vermont—One Candidate
For Governor in Lamotte
County.

Morrisville, Sept. 20.—Speaker Thomas C. Cheney of the Vermont House of Representatives has announced that he will not be a candidate for governor of Vermont this year, in the following announcement:

"Believing it would be very unpleasant and embarrassing for Lamotte county to have more than one candidate for gubernatorial honors at this time, I wish to state through the columns of your paper that I am not a candidate for governor in 1910.

"I shall support my townsmen, Mr. Fleetwood, for that position.

"I wish to extend my sincere thanks to those friends who had given me assurance of their support had I entered the contest this year.

"Yours very truly,
"Thomas C. Cheney."

BOTHERED NEGRO TROOPER.

And He Finally Got What Was Coming
to Him.

Burlington, Sept. 20.—Charles Farr, who gives his home as Littleton, N. H., and Pearl Boucher, of the 10th cavalry band, had a short but decisive static encounter Saturday afternoon near the corner of Church and College streets. Although the soldier had the better of the fight, in fact he had all of it, the honors were divided, as the other man excelled in the conversational line. Both were later arrested and the soldier fined \$5 and costs, which he will pay, and Farr was placed in jail until he is sober enough to tell his story.

Boucher, with his wife, was proceeding up Church street, when he was accosted by Farr, who kept calling him "captain," to the evident annoyance of Boucher and his wife. As they ignored him, Farr became angry and started in with a fine line of titles and names which he bestowed freely on Boucher. When three or four had been disposed of, Boucher suddenly wheeled and put Farr out of business with two of the profaneest straight jobs to the face which have been seen in this town for many days. The injured man was picked up and taken away in a carriage and afterwards to the office of Acting Judge Leary, where he was sent to jail to await a hearing on a charge of intoxication.

ST. ALBANS MAN MISSING.

George Frost Went Fishing Thursday
and Has Not Returned.

St. Albans, Sept. 20.—George Frost, who went fishing Thursday morning, has not returned and nothing can be learned concerning his whereabouts. He told his wife he would be back in the afternoon Saturday morning the row boat was found near the creek bridge in St. Albans. He was wearing a new fishing tackle, a jack knife and some fishing tackle. Yesterday morning Frost's brother, Amos Frost, secured a launch and started on a systematic search for the missing man, but could find no trace of him. Frost was employed as a stationary engineer on the Vt. & N. Y. R. R. and was formerly a committee engineer on the Central Vermont and was also employed in the Central Vermont house. He has a wife and family. Mrs. C. A. Postwick states that she saw Frost Thursday afternoon near "The Pines" on the ogoria shore.

SHORTAGE OF POWER.

Shuts Down Large Part of Barre Granite
Industry.

Operations were practically at a standstill in the granite plants today because they couldn't get power to run the machinery. This shortage of power is due to the lack of water, so the report said. The men who answered a phone call to the office of the Consolidated company in Montpelier said that they didn't know anything about a shortage of power, nor had he heard there was a drought. He received the question to the president of the company and the superintendent, both of whom were out of town.

W. R. Cross of Danville visited friends in this city yesterday.

Excursion to state fair at White River Junction. See adv. on page 2.

G. A. Wilkinson is in position to take seven passengers by auto to the fair at White River Junction each day.

William M. Carroll has taken a position as a sales agent of the Prudential Insurance company.

Among arrivals at the City hotel yesterday and to-day were W. N. Davis, William A. Dykeman, W. E. Leland, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hines, Burlington; A. A. Flint, Albany, N. Y.; Dr. W. O. Hutchins, Washington, D. C.; H. Mann, Woodville, N. H.; H. H. Carroll, White River Junction; C. G. Hall, New York; H. W. Ingalls, James Miles, Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wilkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams returned Saturday from a visit in Boston. They were accompanied by Mr. H. H. Carroll, power Wayne automobile which Mr. Wilkinson purchased in Boston.

BOTH SUSPECTS
ARRAIGNEDThey Pledged Not Guilty in
Murder Case

HEARING THEN POSTPONED

Raymond Plouffe and George Lapointe
Are Charged with Murdering Dr.
Henry N. Stone Near Ayer.
Mass.

Chilren, Mass., Sept. 20.—A hearing was given before Judge Jonathan Smith today in the case of Raymond Plouffe and George Lapointe who are accused of murdering Dr. Henry N. Stone, a dentist of Newburyport, whose body was found Friday near the main highway between Ayer and Harvard. A continuance was granted until Friday, September 24, at 1:30 p. m. The prisoners waived the reading of the complaint and pleaded not guilty through their counsel.

State Officer Murray for the government stated to the court that an inquest was to be held on Friday and he asked that the hearing in the case be called after that inquest. Judge Smith acquiesced in the motion.

That Dr. Stone was murdered was proved conclusively by the autopsy Saturday. In addition to wounds made apparently by a blunt instrument, such as a heavy stone, the physician found that two bullets had entered the left side of the neck.

The arrest of the two suspects followed closely upon the finding of a postmarked box containing apples, which Dr. Stone was known to have had with him when he disappeared last Monday night after leaving the home of his sister, Mrs. Clara Stone Davis of Harvard road, to drive to the Ayer station to take a train.

This box was found in a field, 250 feet from the scene of the murder, in a spot that had been thoroughly searched Friday.

On Plouffe's person the police found \$221 in bills and they claim to have information that he had paid out since Monday enough money to make the amount tally with the sum Dr. Stone was supposed to have had when he left his sister's home Monday night. In Dr. Stone's clothing \$127 was found, after the murder was discovered.

POLITICS WARM.

Calais Citizens Take to Pummeling Each
Other for It.

Politics got so warm in Calais yesterday that Charles Brown and Lewis Gould, who were out on an excursion, stopped in front of Philo Brown's house to argue a dispute with their sons. Philo Brown didn't think this very seemly for Sunday and right in front of his house, too, so he telephoned to Constable Graham. The officer found Gould asleep in the ditch by that time and C. Brown engaged in a static encounter with P. Brown for telephoning the authorities. C. Brown succumbed to the officer only after much persuasion of the muscular variety. Both Gould and C. Brown were taken to the county jail in Montpelier for safe-keeping.

When arraigned before Justice E. M. Harvey this morning both pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 each for intoxication.

COURT RECONVENES.

Washington County Judiciary Now
Ready for Term's Work.

Washington county court came in this afternoon prepared for taking up the active work of the term. The first case called was that of Jane B. Fowle, administratrix vs. McDonald, Cutler & Co. The plaintiff got \$3,000 in county court last term and supreme court reversed it and remanded the case for retrial. The docket was read this afternoon and the grand jury came in for instructions.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Southgate visited friends in Burlington yesterday.

E. M. Laws went to White River Junction to-day for a business visit.

Joseph Connolly and Arthur Nicora returned to-day from a visit in Bethel.

George D. S. Truitt, Jr. of Trenton, N. J., was a business visitor in this city to-day.

John Davidson and Robert Johnston returned last night from a week's visit in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McIntosh of South Royalton visited at the home of C. H. Northrop to-day.

Mrs. Estelle Wood returned to her home in Derby to-day after a visit at the home of Carl Taplin.

Mr. A. G. Brown returned to her home in Lyndonville to-day after a visit at the home of her son, E. A. Brown.

G. P. Cook, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. G. Sprague, returned to his home in Romney, N. H., to-day.

The young ladies' drill team will meet for practice in Miles hall Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Let every member be present.

P. F. McCarthy returned to-day from Milford, Mass., where he went in the interests of the Quarry Workers' International union.

Robert Smith of Quincy, Mass., international secretary of the granite cutters' union, is in this city on business connected with the union.

Among arrivals at the Hotel Otis Sunday and yesterday were Mrs. Jerry Duncanson, Westport, Me.; S. S. George, Windor, N. H.; Miller, New Bedford, Mass.; C. C. Marke, Chelsea, W. J. Lequier, W. J. Prevost, Northfield; E. D. Wise, Lowell; J. A. Brannon, J. A. Smith, J. C. Boyce, Boston; Sam Hartwell, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles Goss, Burton; G. D. Sherman, Burlington, E. F. Brown, Albany, N. Y.; E. W. Butterfield, Newington, Mass.; W. H. Taylor, Rochester, N. Y.; W. J. Edwards, Troy, N. Y.; Albert Peterson, St. Albans; C. L. Dunlop, New York.

HAD A "CLAMMY" TIME.

Four Hundred Men Served at Bowers
Clambake Saturday Afternoon.

The 14th annual clam bake given by the Bowers Granite company of Montpelier took place at Fountain park, between Barre and Montpelier, Saturday afternoon. This event is more than the most clam bake than its name implies; it is a banquet, a veritable feast, whose equal is not to be found in many miles of travel and many months' waiting.

The guests at the banquet were the granite manufacturers who are customers of the Bowers company and the polishers who use the Bowers polishing materials. There were nearly 400 present Saturday and they did full justice to the food.

The cooking, that most important function of all, was in charge of "Captain" Joseph Wilson of Providence, R. I., that prince of chefs, who has been in charge of the culinary end of the Bowers clambakes for years. The menu consisted of clam chowder (real chowder), steamed clams (tender and juicy), steamed lobsters, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, and was topped off with liberal helpings of watermelon.

As the banquet was progressing, R. C. Bowers, the genial president of the company, passed among his guests and presented each a briar pipe and a package of tobacco. The bake was held under the large tent which Mr. Bowers purchased a few years ago for use on these occasions.

The food prepared for the feast consisted of 15 bushels of clams, 250 lobsters, 50 gallons of chowder, 400 ears of corn, two bushels of sweet potatoes and 12 big watermelons. These, with the exception of the chowder and melons, were placed in sacks and steamed over an immense fire in the open, the steam being held in with a covering of seaweed and brakes. There were fully 40 servers and waitresses from Barre and Montpelier to assist in the prompt serving of the food. Music was furnished during the afternoon by the Montpelier orchestra of nine pieces.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS.

Barre Railroad and the Montpelier &
Wells River Elect.

Practically the same directors and officers were elected at the meetings of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad and the Barre railroad the latter part of last week. There was a good representation of the stock of both railroads present, many stockholders being interested in both companies.

At the meeting of the Barre railroad, which was held first the following directors were chosen: Daniel R. Sortwell of Cambridge, Mass.; P. A. Amable of Boston; F. W. Stanyan, H. C. Shurtliff and J. G. Farwell of Montpelier. At the subsequent meeting of the directors, these officers were elected:

President, Daniel R. Sortwell.

Vice-president, J. G. Farwell.

Secretary and treasurer, F. W. Stanyan.

The stockholders of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad elected their directors as follows: Alvin F. Sortwell of Cambridge, Mass.; George E. Carter of Brookline, Mass.; F. W. Stanyan and J. W. Brock of Montpelier and Alexander Cochran of Wells River. The officers, elected by the directors, are:

President, A. F. Sortwell.

Vice-president, George E. Carter.

Clerk and treasurer, F. W. Stanyan.

ENTERS BUSINESS IN DES MOINES.

John Phillips Pleases the Iron City with
Granite Project.

John Phillips of Spaulding street, who recently went to Des Moines, Iowa, to start a granite business in that city, according to the following clipping from the Des Moines Capital of September 17:

"Because Des Moines is in the heart of the country which is the market for the larger portion of his product, John Phillips of the Phillips-Pindler company of Barre, Vt., to-day announced he would immediately remove his granite cutting works to this city. It will be the only granite cutting works in Iowa and all the material will have to be shipped here in the rough from other states. The Phillips-Pindler company will be incorporated here with a capital stock of \$25,000. Thirty expert granite cutters will come to Des Moines with the removal of the plant.

"Mr. Phillips came to Iowa with a view of locating at Davenport. Later he came here on a visit and his friends in fact some of the booster spirit into him and took him over the city. They referred him to the Greater Des Moines committee, whose organization succeeded in inducing him to come here."

ON ITS OWN FEET.

Orange County Telephone Company Not
Swallowed by N. E. Company.

Relative to the statement made at the Barre board of trade meeting Friday night and reported in this paper on Saturday that the Orange County Telephone company had been swallowed up by the New England company, President E. H. Kennedy of the former line denies that such is the case and states that his company stands on its own feet.

President Kennedy writes as follows from Chelsea:

"I notice in your paper of last Saturday that in your report of the action taken by the Barre and Montpelier boards of trade in regard to the proposition of the Vermont Telephone and Telegraph company, you say, 'It also developed during the discussion that within the last week the New England company had swallowed up the Orange County Telephone company, which has maintained an independent existence up to now. This announcement came as a surprise to most of the members.' I wish this to be corrected, as it is entirely untrue from beginning to end. The Orange County Telephone company was not swallowed up by the New England Telephone company, and still stands on its own feet and is able to continue to do so. The Orange County Telephone company is competent to manage its own business, and does not take any dictation from the New England Telephone company or any other company, and is ready to do business in Barre the same as we have in Montpelier when the same generous co-operation is accorded us. Please give this communication a show in your paper.

"E. H. Kennedy.

"Pres. Orange Co. Telephone Co."

Excursion to state fair at White River Junction. See adv. on page 2.

WEALTHY MAN
PASSES AWAYEdward O. Hatch, a New
York Merchant